

CLAIMS

1. (Amended) A method of knitting a tubular knitted fabric having a stripe pattern, in which the tubular knitted fabric is knitted such that a front side knitted fabric and a back side knitted fabric are connected at side end parts of a knitting width in needle beds by using a flat knitting machine having at least a front and back pair of needle beds, and the tubular knitted fabric includes a part where a first knitted fabric portion and a second knitted fabric portion are continuously knitted by using a front side yarn feeding member and a back side yarn feeding member and switching first and second different yarns to each other for each knitting of a plurality of courses, the method comprising a first knitting step for knitting the first knitted fabric portion and a second knitting step for knitting the second knitted fabric portion to thereby continuously and alternately knit the first knitted fabric portion and the second knitted fabric portion, wherein

the first knitting process includes a process of:

starting knitting of one course from a part inside an end part of the knitting width of a front side knitted fabric by using the back side yarn feeding member while a knitting yarn forming a cross-over yarn being arranged on an inner face side of a tube of the tubular knitted fabric, and

connecting a knitting start point and a knitting end point of the course so as to make it tubular while performing turn-back knitting for a next course, and

crossing a first knitting yarn and a second knitting yarn to each other inside the knitting width at a turn-back position; and

the second knitting process includes a process of: starting knitting of one course from a part inside an end part of the knitting width of a back side knitted fabric by using the front side yarn feeding member while a knitting yarn forming a cross-over yarn being arranged on an inner face side of a tube of the tubular knitted fabric, and connecting a knitting start point and a knitting end point of the course so as to make it tubular while performing turn-back knitting for a next course, and

crossing the first knitting yarn and the second knitting yarn to each other inside the knitting width at a turn-back position.

2. (Amended) The method of knitting the tubular knitted fabric with the stripe pattern as claimed in claim 1, wherein

the first knitting process comprises:
a first step of positioning the front side yarn feeding member inside the knitting width;

a second step of starting knitting of the front side knitted fabric from a part inside an end part of the knitting width by using the back side yarn feeding member, and then knitting it in a direction separating from a stopped position of the front side yarn feeding member up to one end part of the knitting width of the front side knitted fabric;

a third step of positioning the front side yarn feeding member outside the knitting width of a side where the back side yarn feeding member is positioned;

a fourth step of continuously knitting a back side knitted fabric and a remaining front side knitted fabric of the course same as that of the second step by using the back side yarn feeding member;

a fifth step of turning back from a turn-back position of the course knitted in the second step and the fourth step, and knitting a front side knitted fabric of a next course up to one end part of the knitting width, and then continuously knitting a back side knitted fabric;

a sixth step of positioning the front side yarn feeding member inside the knitting width; and

a seventh step of knitting a remaining front side knitted fabric of the course same as that of the fifth step of the back side yarn feeding member, and

the second knitting process comprises:

a first step of positioning the back side yarn feeding

member inside the knitting width;

a second step of starting knitting of a back side knitted fabric from a part inside an end part of the knitting width by using the front side yarn feeding member, and then knitting it in a direction separating from a stopped position of the back side yarn feeding member up to one end part of the knitting width of the back side knitted fabric;

a third step of positioning the back side yarn feeding member outside the knitting width of a side where the front side yarn feeding member is positioned;

a fourth step of continuously knitting a front side knitted fabric and a remaining back side knitted fabric of the course same as that of the second step of this knitting process by using the front side yarn feeding member;

a fifth step of turning back from a turn-back position of the course knitted in the second step and fourth step of this knitting process, and knitting a back side knitted fabric of a next course up to one end part of the knitting width, and then continuously knitting a front side knitted fabric;

a sixth step of positioning the back side yarn feeding member inside the knitting width; and

a seventh step of knitting a remaining back side knitted fabric of the course same as that of the fifth step of this knitting process by using the front side yarn feeding

member.

3. The method of knitting the tubular knitted fabric with the stripe pattern as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein at least one of the first knitting process and the second knitting process is continued for plural number of times.

4. The method of knitting the tubular knitted fabric with the stripe pattern as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein a course knitting start position is set near an end part of the knitting width, and after knitting is performed up to an end part position of the knitting width of a side near the knitting start position, knitting is performed while moving to an opposite needle bed.

5. (Amended) A tubular knitted fabric with a stripe pattern including a part in which a first knitted fabric portion and a second knitted fabric portion are continuously knitted by switching knitting yarns to each other for each knitting of plural courses, wherein the first knitted fabric portion and the second knitted fabric portion are knitted to be in a tubular shape by turn-back knitting and have turn-back positions inside an end part of the knitting width, and the turn-back position of the first knitted fabric portion is set within a front side knitted fabric and the

turn-back position of the second knitted fabric portion is set within a back side knitted fabric so as to realize turn-back knitting, whereby both knitting yarns cross to each at a part of cross-over yarn of the knitted fabric, and a cross-over yarn of each knitting yarn is provided on an inner face side of the tubular knitted fabric.

